

SAMUEL ROGERS TAYLOR.

Biography from the Lehi Centennial History

Samuel Rogers Taylor, son of James Taylor and Ann Rogers, was born August 11, 1840 in Oldham, Lancashire, England. When eight years of age, he, with his parents, left England and came to this country. The winter of 1848 he lived in New Orleans and in the spring of 1849, he moved to St. Louis where he lived until 1851. At that time they moved to Paduca, Kentucky. After two years they returned to St. Louis.

Early in the spring of 1853, he and his parents started for Utah, arriving in Salt Lake early in September, shortly afterwards he came to Lehi, where he has since made his home.

During 1855 and 1856, he helped build the old Meeting House. On November 1, 1861, he married Martha Ann Fox. They were one of the first three couples from Lehi to be married in the Endowment House in Salt Lake City.

In 1866, he was called to Sanpete County, where he served about 60 days in the Black Hawk War. He has served in nearly every public office, having been elected first as captain of police in 1871. From 1879 to 1880 he was alderman; 1881, 1882, 1885, 1886 was city councilor; 1889, 1890 he was Mayor; 1898, 1899, 1902, 1903 he was again a member of the Council.

In addition to these he served two terms as Justice of the Peace; and one term as deputy assessor. He was a charter member of the Lehi Brass Band, also the old Enough Band, being a member of these organizations for about 20 years.

He followed the blacksmith trade for many years until his health became impaired after which he engaged in farming. He died September 1, 1911.